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Quick Facts

- In recognition of her recent gift, Room 209 in Sims Science Building will be named for Irene Brunson Boland '63, '69 at a reception Sept. 30.
- The Charles A. Boland '08 and Irene Brunson Boland '63 Student Research Assistantship Endowment supports students who commit to summer research in chemistry, physics and geology.



Irene Boland

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – In recognition of her recently established \$200,000 endowment, **Room 209 of Sims Science Building will be named for Professor of Geology Irene Brunson Boland '63, '69** during a special reception **Sept. 30** at 11 a.m. in 209 Sims.

The room holds special meaning for Boland, who **has taught historical geology there every fall semester for the last 20 years**. Boland established the **Charles A. Boland '08 and Irene Brunson Boland '63 Student Research Assistantship Endowment** to assist geology and physics faculty members in attracting and retaining high-caliber students interested in conducting summer research projects. The endowment will support students who commit to summer research in chemistry, physics and geology, with **first preference given to geology and physics minors** of at least sophomore standing who are full-time students.

Boland attended kindergarten-third grade at Winthrop Training School and earned her B.A. in chemistry and biology (minor in secondary education) and her M.A.T. at then-Winthrop College. She later returned to teach at Winthrop, where she discovered a passion for historical geology that led her to earn her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in geology at the University of South Carolina. In 2012, Boland received Winthrop's **Kinard Award** for teaching.

For more information, contact Meredith Carter, campus relations coordinator, at 803/323-2236 or email her at carterm@winthrop.edu.

About the endowment

The Charles A. Boland '08 and Irene Brunson Boland '63 Student Research Assistantship Endowment illustrates key tenets of the *Winthrop Stands* Initiative: the notion that Winthrop University stands, first and foremost, for providing access, quality and an exemplary education to its students. Gifts of all sizes and types have a place in *Winthrop Stands*, which allows the university to complete the *Distinction* capital campaign. For more information, contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150 or giving@winthrop.edu, or [make an online gift](#).

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